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SUBJECT: PARBOILED RICE RECLASSIFICATION

REF: UNN FASTO CIRC DATED SEPTEMBER 23

L. SUBJECT DISCUSSED IN RICE CONSULTANT COMMITTEE OF
SEPTEMBER 6 ON FRANCE-ITALY INITIATIVE.

2. DEMAND FOR RECLASSIFICATION BASED ON (A) QUOTE TECH-
NICAL EXPERT UNQUOTE POSITION THAT PARBOILING IS A FORM
OF PROCESSING RICE INTO A DIFFERENT PRODUCT FROM THAT OF
NATURAL STATE; (B) MILLED RICE HAS SOME PROTECTION
(0.70UC/KG) THUS PARBOILING ANOTHER FORM OF PROCESSING
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RICE SHOULD ALSO HAVE PROTECTION.

3. THE COMMISSION IS TO DISCUSS THE FRENCH-ITALIAN DEMAND WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT EXPERTS.

4. RICE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO MEET NOVEMBER 8 AT WHICH THE RECLASSIFICATION WILL BE REDISCUSSSED AND A FINAL POSITION TAKEN. HOWEVER, IF THE PRODUCTION ESTIMATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THE MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED.

5. THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION WOULD CHANGE PARBOILED RICE FROM ITEM 10:06 SUBJECT TO LEVY ONLY (CURRENTLY ZERO) TO ITEM 21.07 WITH 14.3 PERCENT TARIFF PLUS LEVY.

6. THE FRENCH MILLING TRADE IN NORTHERN FRANCE OPPOSES THE PROPOSAL BUT SOUTHERN INTERESTS WITH PARBOILING VA FACILITIES ARE NEUTRAL OR SUPPORTERS.

7. O.N.I.C. - FRENCH CEREALS BOARD, ACKNOWLEDGED REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION BUT DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT.
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